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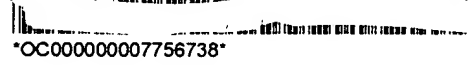
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The period of reply remains as set forth in the Notice. You may, however, obtain EXTENSIONS OF TIME under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 (a) accompanied by the appropriate fee (37 CFR 1.17(a)).

A complete reply must be timely filed to prevent ABANDONMENT of the above-identified application.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
 - drawing sheets do not have the appropriate margin(s) (see 37 CFR 1.84(g)). Each sheet must include a top margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a left side margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a right side margin of at least 1.5 cm. (5/8 inch), and a bottom margin of at least 1.0 cm. (3/8 inch);

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Barney Scott Graham, et al.

Serial No.: 09/981,682

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For: METHOD OF INHIBITING VIRAL
INFECTION USING HMG-COA
REDUCTASE INHIBITORS AND
ISOPRENYLATION INHIBITORS

Group Art Unit: 1646

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE REPLY

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Sir:

In response to the Notice of Incomplete Reply dated April 1, 2002, there are enclosed herewith:

- (a) Substitute drawings, Figures 1-11 on 11 sheets;
- (b) Our check in the amount of \$405.00 to cover three month extension of time fee (\$460.00 minus the \$55.00 one month extension fee already paid with the Response to Notice to File Missing Parts sent on February 19, 2002);
- (c) A copy of Notice of Incomplete Reply; and

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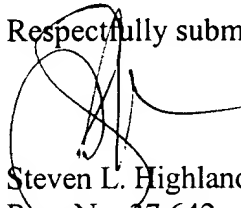
(d) A Request for Extension of Time of three months to and including April 19, 2002.

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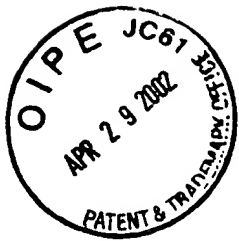
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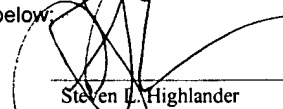
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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants petition for an extension of time of three months to and including April 19, 2002 in which to respond to the Notice to File Missing Parts dated November 19, 2002.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, a check in the amount of \$405.00 is enclosed, which is the process fee (\$460.00) for a three month extension of time minus the \$55.00 one month extension fee already paid with the Response to Notice to File Missing Parts sent on February 19, 2002.

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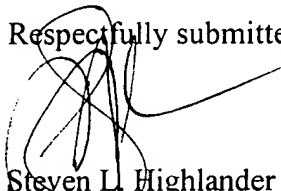
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